



COAL EXPORTS RESOLUTION

Seattle City Council

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COAL EXPORTS: TAPPING THE POWDER RIVER BASIN



REGIONAL IMPACTS

- Impacts during mining, transport and export
- Increase United States coal exports from 50 million tons to 157 million tons annually .
- Programmatic EIS would study impacts of all NW terminals



COAL TRAINS IN SEATTLE



CHERRY POINT TERMINAL - LOCAL IMPACTS

- Bellingham, WA
- 48 million tons of coal annually
- 9 trains per day through Seattle – open top, 1 ½ miles long
- Concern for public health and transportation impacts



WHAT'S IN THIS RESOLUTION

1. Policy statement opposing coal exports
2. Seattle Actions
 - Seattle will enforce local public health, safety, building, electrical, nuisance, and fire codes and permit requirements
 - Work with the railroad to:
 - make public any plans for new or expanded rail facilities or significant rail traffic volume increases within Seattle city limits.
 - Meet regularly with City and residents to address issues as they arise
 - Mitigate traffic and public safety impacts



QUESTIONS?

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